

Danby Community Council
Minutes: December 1, 2011

Meeting came to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending: Bob Chase (Treasurer), Ted Crane, Patricia Curran, Joel Gagnon (Vice President), Bob Strichartz (President), and Christel Trutmann (Secretary). Also Dan Klein and Cathleen Banford.

Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were accepted with no corrections.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Announcements: There will be a benefit for the Roes, whose house burned in November. The benefit will be at the Danby fire station on Saturday, December 3. There will be caroling in West Danby on December 18.

Youth Services: Dan reported that Danby's youth services funding comes from a combination of town and county money, which goes to Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). CCE then takes charge of employing Julie Kulik, Danby's part-time program manager. Dan explained that Ric Dietrich, Danby's Town Supervisor, is considering hiring Julie as a town employee. Discussion held. Christel proposed a motion supporting the current arrangement for employing our youth services program manager, while alternatives are explored in the event that youth services loses county funding. Joel seconded. All approved. Passed.

Dan also responded to our question about how we should participate in youth services for Danby. Our relatively hands-off support is typical, he says, but we can also make recommendations based on our knowledge of town needs (or lack thereof). Proposals currently on the table either give more funding to Primitive Pursuits at the cost of youth employment, or vice versa. We could weigh in based on the lack of employment opportunities in the town.

DCC's Town Sign: Ted offered up draft guidelines for Town Sign use. Discussion held. It was agreed to move fire department messages from fifth in order of priority to third. Joel moved to accept the guidelines with the discussed change. Ted seconded. All approved. Passed.

Elections 2012: These will be January 26, 2012. Cathleen Banford is considering running. Naomi Strichartz is talking to Kirsten Hascup about running. Bob S. will compile a summary of the year for the meeting. Bob C. will compile an annual financial report. Bring refreshments!

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance of \$11,240.74. Check received for \$200 for a DAN sponsorship.

Concerts: Sixty people attended the November concert, and we received \$18 in contributions. Bob S. submitted a final report on concerts to the Community Arts Partnership, and an application requesting the same amount of money for next year. He is currently searching for performers for the spring series.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40